

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 894

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Sydney C. "Bud" McGrew of Bedford County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Sydney C. "Bud" McGrew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGrew was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bedford County, Bud McGrew graduated from Central High School in Shelbyville; willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, he later served in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGrew, whose great-grandfather, Thomas H. Coldwell, was an original director of the Shelbyville Savings Bank and whose grandfather, Ernest Coldwell, was the first president of that hallowed institution, became a charter member of the Board of Directors of First Community Bank of Bedford County and honorably served as the bank's first president, a role he assumed in 1988 and which he kept until his promotion to the chief executive officership in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Bud McGrew successfully guided the bank throughout its admirable history, drawing heavily on the fine education he received at Middle Tennessee State University, the Tennessee School of Banking, and the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University. Highly appreciative of the stellar education offered by these fine institutions, Mr. McGrew served as a faculty member at the Tennessee School of Banking and Louisiana State University for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Bud McGrew was an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Shelbyville Quarterback Club, the Industrial Development Board, the UDAG Board of Wartrace, the Advisory Board of

the Tennessee Technology Center at Shelbyville, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Association, the Hands On Science Center in Tullahoma, and the Bedford County Chapter of the American Heart Association, and lending his support to the Middle Tennessee State University Lady Raiders and the Shelbyville Golden Eagles and Golden Eaglettes. He also served as President of the Bedford County Arts Council, a member of the Board of Trustees for Bedford County Hospital and the Gilliland Society, and as Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments and his impact on the financial industry of Tennessee, in 2007 Mr. McGrew earned induction into the Tennessee Bankers Association's Leaders in Banking Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Bud McGrew was an active and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville, which he served faithfully for many years as Deacon; he also was an Elder and on the Board of Directors of Bethsalem Chapel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGrew was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bud McGrew is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn Taylor McGrew, his daughter, Kate McGrew Canady, his stepson, Andy Rambo, his three grandchildren, and his three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGrew leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Sydney C. "Bud" McGrew, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McGrew.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.